



ASUM SENATE AGENDA

April 18, 2007

UC330-331 - 6 p.m.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - April 11, 2007
4. PUBLIC COMMENT

5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT
 - a. Student Appreciation Ceremony
 - b. Pickle Barrel
 - c. Card to Virginia Tech Student Government
 - d. Other

6. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT
 - a. Committee Appointments/Removals
 - b. KBGA @ 8:30 a.m. Thursday
 - c. Other

7. BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT

SPECIAL ALLOCATION - \$3,094.47
S.T.I.P. - \$100,591.59
ZERO BASE CARRYOVER - \$93,045.23

 - a. Cutbank STIP Request - \$2,600/\$2,600 (4-0-1)
 - b. ASUM Legal Services STIP Request - \$3,500/\$3,500 (4-0-1)
 - c. ASUM Administration Special Allocation Request - \$1,000/\$1,000 (4-0-1)
 - d. Physical Therapy Student Association Special Allocation Request - \$100/\$100 (4-0-1)
 - e. SB44-06/07 Resolution regarding the Proposed \$3,00 Activity Fee Increase - Do Pass (3-1-1)
 - f. Other

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
 - a. SB34-06/07 Resolution to send Montana Kaimin Fee Increase to Referenda
 - b. SB43-06/07 Resolution regarding ASUM Oversight of UM Dining Services
 - c. SB45-06/07 Resolution in Support of Forward Montana's Just wages for UM Janitors Campaign
 - d. SB46-06/07 Resolution amending ASUM Bylaws, Article IV Section 8

10. NEW BUSINESS
11. COMMENTS
12. ADJOURNMENT

ASUM SENATE TALLY SHEET

DATE

April 18 2007

SENATE MEMBERS

ROLL
CALL

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Commit

JACOB CHILDERS

JOSE DIAZ

ERIC FULTON

SCOTT GAUTHIER

JAMES GREER

LUCAS HAMILTON

ALLIE HARRISON

ERICA HENDERSON

JORDAN HESS

TREVOR HUNTER

DUSTIN LEFTRIDGE

SEAN MORRISON

KEVIN NALTY

RYAN NALTY

TARA NESS

SVEIN NEWMAN

KIMBERLY PAPPAS

ERIC SCHULTZ

ALI TABIBNEJAD

PETE TOLTON

ASUM OFFICERS

ANDREA HELLING

President

CEDRIC JACOBSON

Vice-President

BRYCE BENNETT

Business Manager

FACULTY ADVISORS

PROFESSOR ANDERSON

PROFESSOR AUSLAND

P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
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ASUM SENATE MINUTES
Wednesday, April 18, 2007
UC330-331 - 6 p.m.

Chair Jacobson called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. Present: President Helling, Vice President Jacobson, Business Manager Bennett; Senators Childers, Diaz, Fulton, Gauthier, Greer, Hamilton (6:03), Harrison, Henderson, Hess, Hunter (6:05), Leftridge, Morrison, K. Nalty, R. Nalty, Ness, Newman, Pappas, Schultz (6:05), Tabibnejad (6:03) and Tolton.

The April 11, 2007, minutes were approved.

The Chair recognized the presence of Senators Hamilton, Schultz and Tabibnejad.

Public Comment - None

President's Report

- a. Senators were asked to be at Student Appreciation Ceremony next Tuesday, April 24, to receive certificates and graduation cords.
- b. Mediation between the Pickle Barrel and the student involved took place Wednesday, April 18. It was admitted that there was disrespect to University personnel, and there may have been a case of mistaken identity concerning the student. A motion will be brought forth to rescind the resolution that was passed in response to the complaint.
- c. A card will be available in the office tomorrow for those wishing to sign to send to Virginia Tech in light of their recent tragedy.
- d. Name tags were given to the most recent senators.

Vice President's Report

- a. The following committee appointment was approved by unanimous consent: Transportation Board - Paul Hintz.
- b. President Helling will represent ASUM on KBGA Thursday at 8:30 a.m.

Business Manager's Report

SPECIAL ALLOCATION - \$3,094.47

S.T.I.P. - \$100,591.59

ZERO BASE CARRYOVER - \$93,045.23

- a. Cutbank's STIP request for \$2,600 and recommended by Budget and Finance for same was approved by unanimous consent on a motion by **Jacobson**.
- b. ASUM Legal Services' STIP request for \$3,500 was recommended by Budget and Finance for same. A motion by **Helling-K. Nalty** to allow its use beyond FY07's end was approved by unanimous consent on a motion by **Jacobson**. The amended request was approved by unanimous consent on a motion by **Jacobson** after a previous question call by **Jacobson**.
- c. ASUM Administration's Special Allocation request for \$1,000 and recommended by Budget and Finance for same passed.
- d. Physical Therapy Students' Special Allocation request for \$100 and recommended by Budget and Finance for same passed.
- e. SB44-06/07 Resolution regarding the Proposed \$3.00 Activity Fee Increase (Exhibit A) was recommended by Budget and Finance to be an increase of only \$2. **Jacobson-Helling** moved to overturn the

recommendation so the increase would remain at \$3, since the \$25,000 loan must be paid back to STIP. After previous question calls by **Fulton** and **Pappas** failed, the motion to overturn passed 15-7 on a roll call vote (see Tally Sheet), and the original resolution passed after a previous question call by **Fulton**.

Committee Reports

- a. Relations and Affairs (Schultz) - The following resolutions received do pass recommendations as shown: SB34 (4-0), SB43 (4-0), SB45 (4-0), SB46 (4-0).
- b. Transportation (Hess) - The governance of ASUM Transportation bus services is being discussed, what percentage split it might be with administration.
- c. SPA (Hamilton) - The SPA Director and Lobbyist gave reports
- d. UC Board (Hunter) - End-of-year monies were allocated to SOS for FY08.
- e. Publications Board (Bennett) - They will meet to select the Kaimin Editor and Business Manager.
- f. Ethics (R. Nalty) - They discussed a charter. There will be a subcommittee of ASUM, Faculty and Staff Senates.
- g. Journalism Dean Search (Helling) - Candidates will be visiting in the next three weeks.
- h. Provost Search (Jacobson) - They are narrowing the field of candidates.
- i. Education Dean Search (Cedric) - Final interviews are being done.

Unfinished Business

To see a list of resolutions in their entirety with the action taken on them, please go to: www.edu/asum/government/resolution.htm.

- a. SB34-06/07 Resolution to send Montana Kaimin Fee Increase to Referenda (exhibit B) was moved as amended in committee by **Helling-Tabibnejad** and passed 18-4 on a roll call vote (see Tally Sheet) after a previous question call by **Helling**.
- b. SB43-06/07 Resolution regarding ASUM Oversight of UM Dining Services (Exhibit C) was moved by **Helling-Morrison** and was approved by unanimous consent.
- c. SB45-06/07 Resolution in Support of Forward Montana's Just wages for UM Janitors Campaign (Exhibit D) was moved by **Helling-Pappas** and passed 22-0 on a roll call vote (see Tally Sheet) after a previous question call by **Helling**.
- d. SB46-06/07 Resolution amending ASUM Bylaws, Article IV Section 8 (Exhibit E) was moved by **Helling-Morrison**. **Hess-Greer** moved to strike "of Cutbank and" before "any" in B. **Morrison-Hess** moved to strike "Additionally, the Board shall appoint the Editor and Business Manager of Cutbank and any other ASUM-funded student publications" in B. A previous question call by **Hunter** failed. After a previous question call by **Gauthier**, the amendment to the amendment passed. The amendment as amended failed after a previous question call by **Fulton**. A previous question call by **Helling** failed. A motion by **Leftridge-Pappas** to replace "seven" in the first line of A. with "eight" was approved by unanimous consent on a

motion by **Helling** after a previous question call by **Helling**. The resolution as amended passed 20-2 on a roll call vote (see Tally Sheet).

e. A motion by **Helling-Hunter** to reconsider SB37-06/07 Resolution regarding ASUM Activity Fee Increase (Exhibit F), which passed 17-3 on a roll call vote 4/04/07 passed. **Hunter-Tabibnejad** moved to amend the wording to "A \$3 per semester fee increase will allow ASUM to continue funding student groups at an appropriate level while maintaining current services, allowing for new programs and paying off an FY07 ASUM debt" at the end of the paragraph of explanation before the yes/no vote. A motion by **Diaz-Fulton** to change the wording to "a fiscal year 2007 financial obligation" after "paying off" failed. A motion by **Diaz-Fulton** to amend "an FY07" to "a Fiscal Year 2007" and amend "debt" to "financial" passed. The amendment as amended failed after a previous question call by **Hunter**.

A motion by **Helling-Bennett** to amend by inserting "Allow for new programs and replenish the ASUM contingency and long term investment funds" after "A \$3 per semester fee increase will" passed after a previous question call by **Helling** passed. After a previous question call by **Helling**, the amended amendment passed. A motion by **Leftridge-Greer** to change the Yes/No wording to ready "by \$3 per semester" failed after a previous question call by **Morrison**. After a previous question call by **Hunter**, the amended reconsideration of SB37 passed.

f. A motion by **Helling-Tabibnejad** to appointment **Morrison** to Publications Board passed.

New Business

- a. Resolution for first amendment rights on campus
- b. Resolution endorsing the Missoula Performing Arts Center
- c. Resolution regarding credit minimum for graduate students
- d. Resolution regarding operating hours of Business Services
- e. Resolution regarding Greek funding practices
- f. Resolution regarding ASUM Transportation loan payment schedule
- g. Resolution amending Personnel Policy Item 3
- h. Resolution amending Bylaws Article IV, Section 8
- i. Resolution regarding retake fee
- j. Resolution regarding Dining Services meal plan
- k. Resolution regarding UMoney
- l. Resolution regarding the President's Office and ASUM rapport
- m. Resolution supporting a parking decal fee increase
- n. Resolution amending Bylaws regarding Campus Rec Advisory Board
- o. Resolution withdrawing demand for UMoney to delete Pickle Barrel from the list of vendors and ending the boycott
- p. Resolution thanking Nancy Wilson
- q. Resolution regarding ASUM student group funding
- r. Resolution regarding UC and COT tabling
- s. Resolution regarding the President's climate commitment
- t. Resolution thanking Carol Hayes for service.

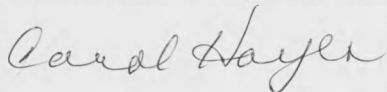
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Comments

The meeting adjourned at 10:57 p.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Carol Hayes". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the text "The meeting adjourned at 10:57 p.m.".

Carol Hayes

ASUM Office Manager

Resolution Regarding the Proposed \$3.00 ASUM Activity Fee Increase

Whereas, the proposed \$3.00 ASUM Activity Fee increase to be sent to 2007 Student Referendum is very important to ASUM to ensure that students working for ASUM and its agencies get a pay increase;

Whereas, The University of Montana students deserve to know how the proposed \$3.00 increase will benefit them other than just the increase in pay for student employees of ASUM and its agencies;

Whereas, the ASUM Activity Fee helps to support ASUM Childcare, ASUM Legal Services, ASUM Administration, UM Productions, ASUM Off-Campus Renter Center and ASUM Student Political Action, and all agencies provide discounted services to students;

Whereas, the remainder of funds left over after what it takes to provide the proposed increase in student employee pay of ASUM and its agencies should go into the ASUM Senate Discretionary Fund for the 2008 Annual Budgeting;

Whereas, the Senate Discretionary Fund was significantly lower than in years past due to unforeseen circumstances, and the 2007-2008 ASUM-recognized student groups deserve to have the 2007-2008 Senate Discretionary fund higher than this year;

Therefore, Let It Be Resolved that the ASUM Senate will allocate all funds left over after funding the increase in student employee pay of ASUM and its agencies into the ASUM Senate Discretionary Fund for the 2008 Annual Budgeting.

Let It Further Be Resolved that a copy of this resolution be sent to all 2007-2008 ASUM-recognized student groups.

Authored by: Senator Trevor Hunter

Passed
4/18/07

Resolution to send Montana Kaimin Fee Increase to Referenda

Whereas, the Montana Kaimin is preparing to expand quality and access to their newspaper and online website;

Whereas, the Montana Kaimin needs assistance to continue their services due to price increases in multiple necessary items;

Whereas, the Montana Kaimin is making preparations to expand their website by adding more news and interactive features;

Whereas, the Montana Kaimin would like to occasionally include color printing to the newspaper;

Whereas, the Montana Kaimin would like to occasionally increase its circulation from approximately 5,000 newspapers per printing to 6,000;

Whereas, the Montana Kaimin's printing costs have increased between \$44 and \$151 per issue depending on the number of pages, and the costs continue to rise;

Whereas, the Montana Kaimin's staff is currently paid slightly above the minimum wage;

Whereas, other ASUM agencies' staff have seen their pay increase to approximately \$0.50 above minimum wage;

Therefore, Let It Be Resolved that the following question be placed before student voters during the 2007 ASUM General Election:

The Montana Kaimin is proposing a \$1.00 increase to the Kaimin Fee per semester. They ask for this increase for the purposes of expanding their website, increasing their newspaper circulation, improving the quality of the newspaper circulation, improving the quality of the newspaper, assisting with the increasing costs of ink and printing, and increasing some Montana Kaimin student employees' salaries.

____ *YES, I support increasing the Montana Kaimin fee from \$4 to \$5 per semester.*

____ *NO, I do not support increasing the Montana Kaimin fee from \$4 to \$5 per semester.*

The Montana Kaimin is proposing a \$0.50 increase for the 2007/2008 academic year followed by an additional \$0.50 increase the following year for a total \$1.00 fee increase of the Montana Kaimin fee over two years. They ask for this increase for the purposes of expanding their website, increasing their newspaper circulation, improving the quality of the newspaper, assisting with the increasing costs of ink and printing, and increasing some Montana Kaimin student employees' salaries.

☐ *YES, I support a \$1.00 increase in the Montana Kaimin fee for the purposes listed above.*

☐ *NO, I do not support a \$1.00 increase in the Montana Kaimin fee for the purposes listed above.*

Authored by: Bryce Bennett, ASUM Business Manager

*Passed
4/18/07
18-4 on a roll
call roll*

Resolution Regarding ASUM Oversight of UM Dining Services

Whereas, The University of Montana Dining Services is an entity of the Department of Student Affairs;

Whereas, ASUM annually meets with three entities of the Department of Student Affairs - the Curry Health Center, Campus Recreation Center, and the University Center - to discuss proposed fee increases and to be updated on the departmental changes;

Whereas, currently the only oversight ASUM has over the University of Montana Dining Services is if the ASUM Executives request an annual meeting with the Director;

Whereas, the ASUM Senate may or may not be informed of the content of the meeting with the ASUM Executives and the Director of UM Dining Services;

Whereas, ASUM needs to know about proposed changes in the UM Meal Plan price and other departmental changes in order to keep students informed about the fee increases around campus;

Therefore, Let It Be Resolved that the ASUM Senate request an annual meeting with the Director of UM Dining Services to be informed about UM Meal Plan price changes and to be updated on the state of the department.

Authored by: Senator Trevor Hunter

*Passed with
unanimous consent
4/18/07*

Resolution in Support of Forward Montana's Just Wages for UM Janitors Campaign

Whereas, The University of Montana is an institution of higher education committed to educating students to be "informed, ethical, and engaged citizens of local and global communities";

Whereas, The Associated Students of The University of Montana have shown a strong commitment to securing just wages through our innovative implementation of wage scales set above minimum wage, setting a higher standard among other employers at UM, as well as our resolution endorsing I-151 and joining the Raise Montana Coalition;

Whereas, the starting wage for janitors at The University of Montana is \$3,000 less than 2006 Federal Poverty Guidelines for a family of four, as determined by The US Department of Health and Human Services;

Whereas, a family of three fares only marginally better at just \$400 over the federal poverty limit;

Whereas, anyone working a fulltime job deserves to be making a wage that is at the very least above the federal poverty limit;

Whereas, Housing and Urban Development numbers indicate that Fair Market Rent in the Missoula area is approximately \$700/month, or that the median monthly costs for houses with a mortgage in Missoula County are \$995;

Whereas, HRDC suggests rent stay between 30% and 33% of total monthly income to ensure any Montanan family's economic stability, therefore proving current starting wages inadequate for janitors at UM;

Whereas, janitors at The University of Montana currently make a starting wage that is \$1,500 less than their counterparts at Montana State University, despite a similar cost of living;

Whereas, UM already experiences difficulty retaining janitors on staff, and with numerous buildings set to break ground or open their doors, employee retention will only become more of a concern;

Therefore, Let It Be Resolved that the Associated Students of The University of Montana support and endorse Forward Montana's Just Wages for UM Janitors campaign to raise janitor wages at The University of Montana to at least the same level as Montana State University's.

Authored by: Senator James Greer

Endorsed by: SPA Director Rikki Gregory

Passed 22-0
on a roll call
vote 4-18-07

Resolution Amending ASUM Bylaws, Article IV – Section 8

Whereas, the Publications Board is charged with selecting the Editor and Business Manager for UM Student Publications;

Whereas, there are currently no representatives on the Board from any of these student publications;

Whereas, these groups should be members of the Publications Board to ensure that the voice of student publications is represented in all board decisions;

Whereas, having representatives of each of these student publications will increase communication and awareness between ASUM and their organizations;

Therefore, Let It Be Resolved that the ASUM Bylaws, Article IV – Section 8 be amended to read:

Section 8. Publications Board:

A. The Publications Board will consist of ~~seven~~ *nine* voting members, chaired by the ASUM Business Manager. The Pub Board will include one ASUM Senator and one student-at-large position, the Kaimin Editor, Business Manager, and faculty advisor, **Cutbank Editor, Camas Editor**, and a Business School faculty member appointed by the Dean of the Business School, who will be voting members of the Board. The ASUM Office Accountant shall serve as an ex-officio, non-voting member on the Publications Board.

B. The Board shall be responsible for appointing the Editor and Business Manager of the Montana Kaimin. Additionally, the Board shall appoint the Editor and Business Manager of Cutbank and any other ASUM-funded student publications.

C. The Board shall oversee the general operations of ASUM-funded publications, without infringing on First Amendment rights.

D. The Publications Board, upon request to the Montana Kaimin Business Manager, shall review the financial budget(s) of the Montana Kaimin operations. The Publications Board shall conduct a financial review at least once a month during the academic year.

Authored by: Bryce Bennett, ASUM Business Manager

Endorsed by: Eric Shultz, ASUM Senator
Cedric Jacobson, ASUM Vice President

Passed
30 - 2 on a
roll call vote
4/18/07

Resolution Regarding ASUM Activity Fee Increase

Whereas, the activity fee for the Associated Students of The University of Montana funds six agencies and over 65 student groups;

Whereas, the activity fee was last increased in May of 2002 to support the creation of the Off-Campus Renter Center and raise student pay;

Whereas, since 2002, classified staff received pay raises while the employer portion of health insurance and benefits continues to rise;

Whereas, the administrative assessment continues to grow;

Whereas, the new state minimum wage promoted ASUM to increase student rates to compensate for the higher minimum wage;

Whereas, the above listed increases have severely limited the amount of money available for distribution to student groups;

Whereas, healthy operating budgets for students groups ensure diversity and extracurricular activities on campus;

Whereas, this diversity and extracurricular opportunity benefit all students.

Therefore, Let It Be Resolved that the Associated Students of The University of Montana asks for a fee increase from \$30 to \$323 per semester to the ASUM Activity Fee;

Let It Be Further Resolved that this issue will be put on the ballot of the general election on April 25 -26;

Let It Be Further Resolved that the ballot wording shall read:

The ASUM Activity Fee funds over 65 student groups, provides low-cost or free childcare, entertainment, rental advice, academic dispute resolution, and legal counsel, and provides opportunities for students to become politically active. Increasing costs associated with classified and student staff have decreased the amount of money available for student groups. A \$2 \$3 per semester fee increase will allow ASUM to continue funding student groups at an appropriate level while maintaining current services, allowing for new programs, and replenishing the ASUM contingency and long term investment funds.

____ Yes, I **want** to increase the ASUM Activity Fee from \$30 to \$323 per semester.

____ No, I **do not want** to increase the ASUM Activity Fee from \$30 to \$323 per semester.

Authorized by: ASUM President Andrea Helling

*Passed 22-0
on a yeas and nays vote
4/18/09*